THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the Budget speech 2007-08, it was announced that Ministry of Railways will conduct pre-feasibility studies for construction of high speed passenger corridors, equipped with state-of-the-art signaling and train control systems, for running high speed trains at speeds of 300 to 350 kms. per hour; one each in the Northern, Western, Southern and Eastern regions of the country.

In this regard, various State Governments were approached by Railways to find out their willingness for participating in pre-feasibility studies. Government of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Haryana, Punjab, Kerala, Kamataka, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal have agreed 'in principle' to participate in any pre-feasibility studies.

Ministry of Railways have also conducted Financial and Economic Analysis for Mumbai-Ahmedabad and Delhi-Amritsar high speed rail corridors.

(c) This proposal is in its initial stages. Hence, it is not possible to predict the actual time of implementation of this scheme.

Proposal for new rail projects from Karnataka

1491. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has recently proposed some new rail projects in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof, project-wise;

(c) the reaction of Railways in this regard project-wise; and

(d) the action, if any, so far, taken by the Railways in relation to each project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) Details of the new rail project proposed by the Government of Karnataka recently and action taken thereon is as under:—

Sl. No.	Proposal	Action taken
1.	Doubling of Ramanagaram-Mysore section with electrification of Bangalore-Mysore	Work included in the Budget 2007-08.
2.	Extension of rail line from Talguppa to Honavar	Survey sanctioned.
3.	Krishnaraja Nagar-Kushal Nagar new line	Survery sanctioned.